

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application.

This Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 23, 2007. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15-23, 25-29, 31-35, 42-43 and 45-47 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15-23, 25-29 and 31-35 are allowed. Claims 42, 43 and 45-47 are rejected. In this Amendment, claims 42, 43 and 45-47 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 42-43 and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,729,060, hereinafter "Yamamoto") in view of Bramhall, et al., (United Kingdom Patent No.: 2 109 996 A, hereinafter "Bramhall").

Applicants have cancelled claims 43-43 and 45-47.

Applicants, accordingly, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15-23, 25-29 and 31-35.

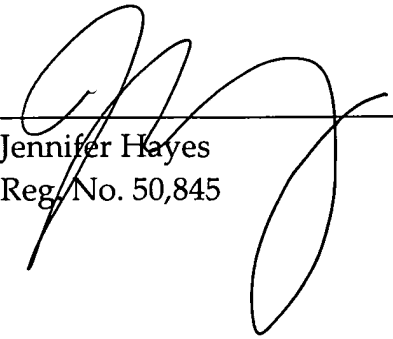
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15-23, 25-29 and 31-35.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Jennifer Hayes at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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